

Allegheny County Scout Net Hand Held Radio Scholarship

The goal of the Allegheny County Scout Net is to encourage Scouts to become part of the Amateur Radio community and develop radio communication skills that can be used to provide emergency communications and public service for the communities in which they live. These skills can benefit the Red Cross, Salvation Army (SATERN), SKYWARN, RACES, The Waterway Net, ARES, and various public events such as The Great Race, and Race for The Cure. It is proposed to provide two meter hand held radios to qualifying Scouts to further their interest in Amateur Radio.

Allegheny County Scout Net Hand Held Radio Scholarship Requirements

1. Be an active registered Boy or Girl Scout resident in Allegheny County
2. Hold a Technician, General or Extra Class Amateur Radio License
3. Hold a Radio Merit Badge (Girl Scouts may substitute an approved equivalent award)
4. Hold a Communication Merit Badge (Girl Scouts may substitute an approved equivalent award)
5. Hold an Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge
6. Perform 20 hours of public service using Amateur Radio
7. Participate in the local weekly Scout Net at least 22 times in one year.
8. Promote the use of Amateur Radio at Scouting events.
9. Submit a 100-200 word essay stating the reason they want this award, and how they will use the hand held radio to promote Amateur Radio in Scouting

By completing the above requirements 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, the Scout will receive a loaner VHF two-meter hand held radio to help in the completion of requirements 6, 7, 8 and 9.

At the completion of all the requirements within one year the Scout will receive a Certificate of Completion, ownership of the two meter hand held radio, and a special North Hills Amateur Radio Club-sponsored Scout Net Patch. Note: If Scouts do not complete requirements 6, 7, 8 and 9 within one year, they will be asked to return the radio that they received in good operating condition. In rare situations an extension of the one year period may be granted by the Awards Committee based upon extenuating circumstances.

The philosophy behind the requirements:

Radio Merit Badge (or approved equivalent award for Girl Scouts): Earning this award will be the first step used to introduce the Scout to radio communications.

Communication Merit Badge (or approved equivalent award for Girl Scouts): Earning this award will introduce the Scout to public verbal communications, which is an important part of radio communications.

Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge: Earning this Badge will introduce the Scout to preparing for and responding to emergency situations.

Perform 20 hours of public service using Amateur Radio: This requirement is intended to provide a venue for Scouts to use their new radio skills while engaging in community service.

Participate in a local weekly Scout Net at least 22 times in one year: This requirement will require the Scout to interact with other Scouts and practice in a structured communication environment similar to the one used by Emergency Communication Nets. Scout Net will be a weekly formal communications net hosted on a local repeater. Scouts will run the net to help them develop their formal emergency communication skills.

Promote the use of Amateur Radio at Scouting events: This will further introduce Radio Communications to the Scouting community.

The marriage of Scouting and Amateur Radio is a natural. Both provide life long skills used in every day life, emergency situations, and Public Service.

Allegheny County Scout Net Hand Held Radio Scholarship Application

NOTE: Scout must be a resident of Allegheny County.

Radios will be made available only to the extent funds are available.

Scout's Name: _____ Parent's Name: _____

Council: _____ District: _____ Unit Number: _____

Amateur Call Sign: _____ Date Earned: _____ Class of License: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Unit Leader's Name: _____

Scout Amateur Radio Hand Held Scholarship Requirements:

1. Copy of Scout Card

2. Copy of Amateur Radio License

Call Letters: _____

3. Radio Merit Badge (or . . . for Girl Scouts)

Date Completed: _____

4. Communication Merit Badge (or . . . for Girl Scouts)

Date Completed: _____

5. Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge

Date Completed: _____

6. 20 hours of public service using Amateur Radio

Date Completed: _____

7. Participate in the weekly Scout Net at least 22 times in one year

Date Completed: _____

8. Promote the use of Amateur Radio in scouting events

Date Completed: _____

9. Submit a 100-200-word essay stating the reason they want this award, and how they will use the hand held to promote Amateur Radio in his or her Troop and in Scouting

Date Completed: _____

Unit Leader's approval: _____ Date: _____

Unit Committee approval: _____ Date: _____

Parent's approval: _____ Date: _____

Scout's Signature: _____ Date: _____

I understand that if I do not complete requirements 6, 7, 8, and 9 within one year from the date I receive a radio, I will be required to return the radio in good operating condition.

Date Radio Received: _____, Date Requirements Due to be completed: _____.

Note: Please keep a copy of this form and return it when final three requirements are completed.

Send application to:

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